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SUBJECT: FORMER ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SEEKING USG
SUPPORT IN IACHR CASE AGAINST GOA

REF: (A) DRUCKER-WAYNE 3/28 E-MAIL (B) BUENOS AIRES

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1. (SBU) Polcouns tracked down former Argentine Supreme Court President Antonio Boggiano in Rome and delivered telephonically all of the points provided ref A. Polcouns noted the U.S. strongly supports the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the strong sense of integrity and independence which has historically characterized its work. This experience has greatly assisted the IACHR in forcefully protecting fundamental freedoms throughout our hemisphere, notably in the Southern Cone. Polcouns stressed the importance we place on preserving the autonomy of the IACHR and explained the reasons for not bringing USG interest to bear upon the IACHR in its case processing and admissibility/merits reviews.

2. (SBU) Boggiano noted that the above tracked closely with what Polcouns had told him (ref B) in their initial meeting, but he was pleased to hear this time of efforts to support more broadly the IACHR's institutional capacity to fully process cases in a reasonable timeframe. He was particularly pleased to hear that IACHR staff had informally indicated to us that his petition is currently undergoing a thorough review, and a decision could be forthcoming within a month. He thanked Polcouns for consulting with the Department and USOAS and said he appreciates the U.S. position supporting the autonomy and independence of the IACHR.

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